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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed.

Japanese document No. 2002-257732 and U.S. Patent No. 4,447,546 are discussed in the specification at pages 2 and 3. Applicant submits that the documents are relevant for the reasons noted therein. In addition, Applicant has obtained from a commercial database an English language abstract for the Japanese language document, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. The cited international application is in the same patent family as the Japanese application.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C.

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FORM PTO 1449 (modified) ATTY DOCKET NO. APPLICATION NO. 03500.103115 10/553,870 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE APPLICANT **SATORU NISHIUMA** LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary) GROUP FILING DATE January 29, 2007 October 21, 2005 1743 U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS *EXAMINER INITIAL DOCUMENT FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE NUMBER DATE NAME CLASS **SUBCLASS** 4,447,546 05/08/84 Hirschfeld FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT DOCUMENT DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUBCLASS NUMBER 2002-257732 09/11/02 **Abstract** Japan WO 02/063349 A2 08/15/02 PCT OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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